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## Moderates Form In California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— Formation of a new statewide Republican organization, composed mainly of moderates, has been announced.

The group, called the Republican Council of California, said yesterday it organized as the result of the "grievous election defeat." This produced, it said, "serious imbalance between the parties and confusion and division within Republican ranks."

"This condition, unless remedied, will worsen. Improvement can be effected only by responsible leaders willing to accept the task of rebuilding the

party's strength and prestige," the council said in a statement released by its chairman, Leonard V. Finder, editor and publisher of the Sacramento Union.

Several major businessmen are among the 55 district leaders. Also included are newspaper publishers and 11 of the 44 GOP state legislators.